



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Claudette Rainey

Resurrection Sunday has come and we are left with hope for a brighter tomorrow. This has been a busy time for members of Church Women United. Kudos to Barbara Leath and her team for an educational and lively discussion on the Topic: *Increasing numbers in the Death of African American Women in Childbirth.* The very knowledgeable Dr. Fleda Jackson's ongoing research revealed that the stress of racism plays a big part in escalating the problem. Fulton County's employee Diane Durrence confirmed with Statistics that the problem has been on the rise and far outweighs the low statistics of the deaths of white women in childbirth. The other panelist spoke to solutions and what the state had to offer. Dr Alice Hinsley's sorority in partnership with the state brought to our attention the "Stork's Nest Program which offers pregnant women incentives to practice healthy prenatal habits. This takes place in Southwest Atlanta at the Adamsville Regional Center and to her knowledge none of the women have died in childbirth. This may be explained by the fact that the frequent contact with the women deflates the stressors of living with institutional racism.

Our own Lola Parks was honored by the Black Methodist College Renewal Organization. She brought the house down with her acceptance speech. The historic Bennett College supported the program with their melodic voices. Coupled with the panel discussion it made for a busy Friday.

April's activity was not over yet. Twenty CWU National Board members including two YCWU one all the way from Las Vegas were in the Metro Atlanta area to have a face to face meeting, from April 25 -27 On their Agenda was the potential move of the National Office to Atlanta and a plan to have the 2020 National Gathering in the Atlanta area. The Board planned a visit to the Atlanta Unit property which did not take place because they found themselves staying at the Perimeter Hilton, which is about twenty miles away and they needed transportation, which was not in their budget. They left vowing to include the State President and Local unit if they start looking at Atlanta for the National Gathering.

The new Nominating Committee is being chaired by Helen Sprewer and they are looking for a recording Secretary. Sheila Louder met with three young women for a discussion over lunch despite the fact that she extended the invitation to fourteen young women known to our Movement. It could be that we need to do a better job of telling them about our Movement as we engage them. Some of us volunteered at the B'Fly Girl's Ball held at The Renaissance on April 27, 2019. The event is held to give Scholarships and other Awards to exceptional students from Atlanta Public Schools who are also members of the B'Fly organization. Who knows there may be some future CWU members among them.

We had an exciting May Friendship Day Celebration at Peachtree Christian Church. "Each one Bring One" we are looking for more women to get the work of our Movement accomplished.



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NEWS



April 5th general meeting focused on Health Disparities of African American women and death during child birth. Panelists included Dr. Fleda Mask Jackson, Researcher on Women’s Health, Jeannie Galloway, Maternal and Child Health Director, Georgia Department of Public Health and Dr. Alice Hinsley, Stork’s Nest Program, Adamsville Regional Center in Fulton County.



April 6th CWU in Atlanta answered the call of the Atlanta Chapter National Alumnae Association of Spelman College Atlanta Chapter “Say Yes to the White Dress” by purchasing white dresses and black pumps for Spelman Seniors.

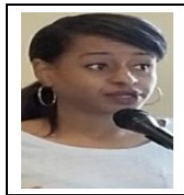


April 27th sponsored trip in partnership with PW Presbytery of Greater Atlanta to The Justice and Peace Memorial/Legacy Museum in Montgomery, Alabama.

April 28th volunteered at the B'Fly Girls Scholarship and Recognition Butterfly Ball held at the Renaissance Atlanta Midtown Hotel and Young Church Women honored over the years met for Dinner and Conversation at Showcase Eatery Food Gallery in East Point.



Church Women United Atlanta celebrated their 2019 May Friendship Day on May 3, 2019 at Peachtree Christian Church, 1580 Peachtree Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30309. Theme, The Time Is Now! “Agree to Differ”. The celebration included scripture by Sarah Brasington of Peachtree Christian Church and prayer and Fellowship of Least Coin Offering conducted by Rev. Dr. Alberta Bosell. In keeping with the theme, “The Time Is Now! “Agree to Differ”, Claudette Rainey, CWU President, and Angela Rice, Chairperson, distributed a watch to each participant at the 2019 May Friendship Day Celebration.



Speaker Lindsay Harper, Executive Director of Georgia WAND Education Fund, Inc. WAND, a grassroots, women led, multiracial organization bridging the rural/urban divide and advancing environmental and climate justice, addressing outsized militarized spending, and ending systemic violence, especially in relation to the nuclear weapons and nuclear energy industries.



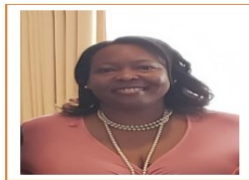
2019 May Friendship Day Young Church Women Honorees



Jalisa Conklin
Greater Turner Chapel AME



Dushon Cooper-Edwards
Stronghold Christian Church



Kimberly M. Gregory
St. Mark AME



Rashunda Moye
Greater Turner Chapel AME



Minister Mekia Troy
Light of Life Ministries



Minister Deborah Fortune
Greater Turner Chapel AME



2019
VALIANT WOMAN AWARD
EMMA OLDS
GREATER TURNER CHAPEL AME

Emma Jean Olds was born in Uniontown, AL, a small rural town, 30 miles west of Selma, Alabama. She is the 5th child out of 15 born to Havana Lee and Orlean Olds. Emma spent about 5 years bonding with her parents and siblings before leaving for elementary school in Fairfield, Alabama. In Fairfield, she lived with her childless great-aunt, Rachel Washington who had raised her Mother Orlean and many other nieces, nephews and relatives.

In Fairfield, she attended Englewood elementary from 1-8th grade. After completing the 8th grade, she attended Fairfield Industrial High School, graduating in May, 1955. After high school, Emma attended Miles College in Birmingham, AL for two quarters. She left Miles with the intention of entering Grady's Hospital's nursing program in Atlanta, GA. However, her plans were diverted by choosing to get married instead.

As a youth and teenager she worshiped at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church under the pastorate of Rev. D.B. Edwards. She sang in the youth and young adult choir. She was a member of Baptist Training Union (BTU), YPD a church community service group and Sunday school.

Emma moved to Chicago in 1965, and worked as a credit reporter for the Cook County Credit Bureau. 2 years later she moved to Milwaukee, WI, where she worked for Wisconsin Bell as a key punch operator and a telephone representative. In 1969 she worked for First Wisconsin National Bank as a reconciler and also worked part time at Children's Hospital as a nurses aid. After 12 years of working, Emma finally decided to go back to college in 1977. She attended Milwaukee Area College (MATC) for 1 year then transferred to Marquette University where she eventually obtained her Bachelor's of Science in Business in May of 1983.

After graduating, Emma worked as a special education paraprofessional at Gaenslen Elementary School. Other schools that she worked for were



Robert Fulton Middle & Malcolm X Academy. In 1991, Emma obtained her teaching certification and in 1995 she obtained her Master's in curriculum and instruction from the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee (UWM). She ended her teaching career as a Math teacher and retired from education in 2002.

Emma joined Christ Presbyterian Church under Rev. Earnest W. Glenn, Jr in Milwaukee, WI in 1979. During her worship there, she served in many roles: sang in the senior choir, was a Sunday school teacher, a girl scout leader, a ruling elder, president of Presbyterian Women of Christ Church and director of the summer academy.

Emma also served as a foster mother in Milwaukee, WI for over 20 children during 1982-2002. She also served as a foster parent in Atlanta, GA from 2005-2015. She held the positions of Vice President and Secretary for DFCS's Foster Parent Association.

In 2016 Emma joined Greater Turner Chapel AME church under Rev Toni Belin-Ingram. She hasn't been there long but she has made an impact with her presence by serving in various different roles. She attends Senior/Retired bible study, is a member of WMS and volunteers at SWEEAC and the Trinity table.

Her greatest joy is being the mother of 3, grandmother of 7 and great grandmother of 3. One of her favorite scriptures is Proverb 3:6 "In all your ways acknowledge God and He will direct your path"

HONORS

April 5th - **Lola Parks** received the Black College Fund's prestigious H.O.P.E. (Heritage, Opportunity, Preparation, Education) Legacy Award during the 52nd Black Methodists for Church Renewal Shirley A. R. Lewis Black College Fund Legacy Luncheon at the Hilton Atlanta Airport Hotel. This award, in its 19th year, recognizes exceptional contributions in continuing a legacy of higher education excellence as manifested throughout the United Methodist Church and particularly in its Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

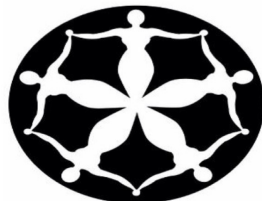


April 27th - **Dr. Carolyn Hart** was crowned Queen at the A. M. E. Zion Atlanta District Women's Home & Overseas Missionary Society Queen's Contest.



May 5th - **Sheila Louder** was honored for her work for Peace and Justice at Radcliffe Presbyterian Church's Woman's Day Program

**"LIVING GOD'S CALL:
WOMEN STANDING UP FOR HUMAN DIGNITY"**



Sunday, May 5, 2019
11:00 a.m.

Presbyterian Women in Radcliffe
WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Dr. Jane Kagia, Guest Speaker



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN ATLANTA

Church Women United is a racially, culturally, theologically inclusive Christian women's movement celebrating unity in diversity and working for a world of peace and justice. Founded in 1941, Church Women United is:

A movement representing Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and other Christian women;

Biblically based, shared Christian faith;

Organized into more than 1,200 local and state units working for peace and justice in the United States and Puerto Rico;

Supported by constituents in state and local units and denominational women's organizations;

Impassioned by the Holy Spirit to act on behalf of women and children throughout the world; and

Recognized as a non-governmental organization by the United Nations.

CELEBRATIONS

June 7th Everybody's Birthday Party (Need Chair)

July 5th Summer Break

August 2nd Summer Break

September 6th Human Rights Event – Ecumenical Program

October 3rd - 4th State Assembly CWU Athens Ga/ Rev. Joyce Meyers-Brown Peace Demo

Oct ICM Prayer Breakfast TBD

November 1st World Community Day hosting Dekalb Unit at PCC Ecumenical Program \ Meeting

December 6 Annual Meeting 10:00am

Ecumenical Committee Meeting Last Tuesday of each month 1:00pm
Location TBD, Through May 2019

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